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TELEPHONE SERVICES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom services in Andhra Pradesh has not been extended to various tribal and rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed for rapidly expand the telecom network under Andhra Pradesh Telecom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) No Sir, rather the telecom service has been extended to 23401 villages (including 1112 Tribal villages) out of 29460 villages in Andhra Pradesh Circle by BSNL and the remaining 6059 villages (including 3683 Tribal villages) are to be provided with telecom facilities by M/S Tata Telecom Services Ltd. as per their license agreement with Department of Telecom.

(c) BSNL plans to augment the Switching capacity by 2.33 Lakh lines and provide 2.28 Lakh telephone connections on landline/Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) during the current year subject to availability of materials. Mobile telephone services are also planned during the current year.